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Government Press

Alleged suspension of one Selvanadan for not working overtime.

* 268 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that one Selvanadan, a volunteer of the Machine department, Government Press, was directed to work overtime, when he is not eligible for any overtime allowance; if so, why; and

(b) whether it is a fact that, being unwell on the evening of 22nd August 1930 and informing the maistri of the fact, he did not attend overtime on the morning of 23rd August 1930 at 7 a.m. and that he was, therefore, suspended for one week from 25th August 1930; if so, why and by whom?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

Mr. C. BASU DEV:—"Will the hon. the Home Member call for the information, Sir?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The suggestion will be considered."

Stoppage of increments to employees in the Government Press.

* 269 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to furnish a statement for the years 1929 and 1930 showing the names, designations, service and pay of the employees in the Government Press, Madras, whose increments were withheld, the dates on which the increments were due but withheld, the dates on which the employees were informed of the same and the reasons for withholding the increments?

A.—The Government do not consider that the labour involved in furnishing the statements called for would be justified.

Action taken on the resolutions from the Government Press employees.

* 270 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he received a copy of the resolutions passed at a meeting of the Government Press employees held on 1st November 1930; and

(b) if the answer be in the affirmative, what action the Government propose to take on resolutions (3), (4) and (6).

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government do not take action on copies of resolutions submitted by associations and other similar bodies; any such body wishing action to be taken on its representations should submit them in the form of a memorial stating the grounds and circumstances of each case.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is aware of the fact that the Labour Union has been constituted for the purpose of ventilating the grievances of the staff?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I think so."